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Honorable Robert K. Gray
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Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Your letter dated May 10, 1961, has been received and I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending me the information contained therein. I am taking the liberty of advising other interested Government agencies of these data.

Sincerely,

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NOTE:

Gray advised First Friends of Africa, Sidney Williams, President, to hold conference in Chicago on 6-30-61. Bufiles contain no information concerning the First Friends of Africa. With respect to Sidney Williams, we conducted investigation 1943-1950 during which it was determined that in 1936 he traveled with a group of communists from St. Louis to the Soviet Union; in 1942 he allegedly was a member of the Communist Party in Cleveland; in 1945 his name was mentioned at a Communist Political Association meeting as a possible nominee to the CPA State Committee of Ohio; in 1950 he attended the Progressive Party National Convention in Chicago (the Progressive Party was controlled by the Communist Party). By separate communication Chicago, New York and WFO are being instructed to obtain information concerning the First Friends of Africa. Information provided by Gray has been disseminated to State and CIA by letter 5-18-61.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

One of our clients, the Republic of Liberia, has received an invitation from Mr. Sidney Williams, president of the First Friends of Africa in Chicago. Mr. Williams is proposing a June 30 nationwide conference to be attended -- he hopes -- by the African Ambassadors and as many of the heads of African states as he can draw.

In our preliminary investigation of Mr. Williams we have uncovered a charge that he was a member of the Communist party in St. Louis as well as active in the Urban League and the National Lawyers Guild. The organization he now heads has run full-page advertisements in the Daily Worker.

Naturally we are advising Liberia against participation. My only purpose in passing this on to you was on the rare chance that you might not otherwise have heard of the meeting Mr. Williams proposes.

Cordially,

Bob (Gray)

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